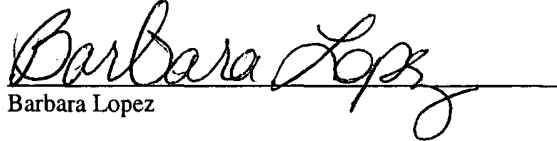




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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a) and
MPEP §711.03(c)I**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of August 25, 2003 notifying Applicant that the above-referenced application has been abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on December 24, 2002, Applicant hereby petitions the Examiner to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

On June 20, 2003, Applicant, through his attorney, filed a response via facsimile to the Action dated December 24, 2002. The filed date fell within the allowable statutory period for responding to the action as it included a request for an automatic extension of time and an authorization to charge Applicant's attorney's deposit account.

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Reply to Office action of August 25, 2003

Enclosed in support of this petition are: (1) a declaration by Barbara Lopez, the person who certified that the response was facsimile-filed on June 20, 2003; and (2) EXHIBIT A, which is a copy of the response filed on June 20, 2003 along with the facsimile transmission receipt.

On a related matter, the Examiner's Summary regarding a filed CIP is not correct with respect to the instant application. Accordingly, Applicant desires to proceed with the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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